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SUBJECT: UNESCO EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS ON

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, HELSINKI, 27-31 JANUARY 1977

1. US PERMDEL HAS LEARNED THAT GOUSSR WILL SEND DELEGATION OF 3 TO 5 MEMBERS TO SUBJECT MEETING. EXPLANATION FOR THESE NUMBERS FROM SECRETARIAT IS THAT THIS IS THE NUMBER NECESSARY FOR PLANNING OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TIBILISI IN FALL 1977.

2. AT REPEATED UNEP INSISTENCE UNESCO RELUCTANTLY MODIFIED DRAFT PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM 10 OF TIBILISI CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF AN "ACTION PLAN" FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. PERMDEL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ADG FOR EDUCATION IS RESISTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT "ACTION PLAN" AS A WORKING PAPER FOR THE TIBILISI

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CONFERENCE; HE REPORTEDLY WISHES TO LIMIT WORKING PAPERS TO THE USUAL RESOLUTION AND REPORT.

3. PERMDEL FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT ESSENTIAL THAT AN "ACTION PLAN" WORKING PAPER FOR CONFERENCE BE DEVELOPED AND ACTED UPON AT CONFERENCE IF THE MORE THAN \$2 MILLION SPENT SO FAR IN UNESCO'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

PROGRAM IS TO RESULT IN ANY CONCRETE IMPROVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

4. THIS ISSUE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SURFACE AT SUBJECT MEETING. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT US OBSERVER(S) TO SUBJECT MEETING SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED ACTION PLAN.

5. PERMDEL FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT USG TAKE STRONG INTEREST IN SUBJECT MEETING. RESULTS OF MEETING WILL HAVE MARKED INFLUENCE ON TIBLISI CONFERENCE. GOUSSR HAS TAKEN EXCEPTIONAL INTEREST IN THIS CONFERENCE FROM BEGINNING WHEN IT VOLUNTEERED TIBILISI AS SIGHT OF CONFERENCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOVIET INTENTIONS CONCERNING CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP PLANS WILL BE EXPOSED. PERMDEL HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THAT US SEND AT LEAST TWO OBSERVERS TO HELSINKI - ONE FROM PRIVATE SECTOR AND ONE FROM GOVERNMENT SECTOR. THESE OBSERVERS SHOULD BE EXPERTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND BE POLITICALLY AWARE OF POTENTIAL RESULTS OF SOVIET INITIATIVES WHICH MAY BE FOSTERED AT SUBJECT MEETING. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS ALDRICH FROM PRIVATE SECTOR AND KING (WHO PERMDEL UNDERSTANDS WILL BE IN EUROPE PRIOR TO DATES OF SUBJECT MEETING) OR USOE APPOINTEE FROM USG. THESE SAME OBSERVERS SHOULD ALSO ATTEND TIBILISI CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY AND STRENGTH TO USDEL AND TO ASSURE THAT US INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED.

6. FYI. BY RULING OF ADG FOR EDUCATION, UNESCO, AS OF THIS DATE, WILL NOT PROVIDE PER DIEM FOR OBSERVERS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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